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SUBJ: PRESIDENT OF CHADIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AMONG THOSE
ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN 1973 PARIS ASSASSINATION CHADIAN
OPPOSITION LEADER

REF: FORT LAMY 15034 OF 1973

1. ON RADIO JANUARY 13 AND IN PRESS FOLLOWING DAY, PRESIDENCY
ANNOUNCED ALLEGED COMPLICITY OF TWO CHADIAN NATIONALS IN
AUGUST 26, 1973 ASSASSINATION IN PARIS OF GOC DISSIDENT POLITI-
CAL LEADER DR. D'OUTEL BONO. TWO ACCUSED ARE KOUMAINAN
(EX-GEORGES) DIGUIMBAYE, PRESIDENT CHAD DEVELOPMENT BANK
(BDT) AND FORMER MINISTER PLANNING AND ECONOMY, AND MAHAMAT
OUTMAN, SOMETIME MERCHANT AND DEPUTY WITH PAST OF POLITICAL
OPPOSITION TO TOMBALBAYE. ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEGED COMPLICITY
ALSO OF ONE COLONEL BAYONNE (FRENCH) WHO FORMERLY SERVED IN
CHAD AND NOW RESIDENT IN PARIS WHILE ACTUAL ASSAILANT IDENTI-
FIED FIRST ON JANUARY 13 AS "AN ARBA" AND THEN ON JANUARY 15
AS "AN ARMENIAN WHO HAD LONG LIVED IN AFRICA." OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT GAVE NEITHER CHARGES NOR PRESENT STATUS AND
WHEREABOUTS ACCUSED CHADIANS.

2. EMB BIO FILES NOTE OUTMAN FAMILIAR TO EMBASSY, IN EARLY
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SIXTIES, ALLEGED MERCHANT SUSPECTED DEALING CONTRABAND,

DEPUTY 1959-1962, HISTORY ANTI-TOMBALBAYE ACTIVITY, JAILED FOR ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITY 1963, PARDONED 1965 WITH SUSPENSION CIVIL RIGHTS UNTIL 1970. DIGUIMBAYE WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND WESTERN COMMUNITY AS ONE OF SHARPEST MEMBERS ADMINISTRATION INTELLECTUALLY AND, UNTIL HIS DISMISSAL FROM POST AS MINISTER PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN 1971, POLITICALLY. DIGUIMBAYE, AS MINISTER, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS APPARENTLY INSTRUMENTAL IN CONCLUDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONOCO AND GOC FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION CONCESSIONS. DIGUIMBAYE'S 1971 DISMISSAL GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED TO HIS BECOMING TOO POWERFUL AND TOO NOTICEABLE TOO QUICKLY, THUS INCURRING PRESIDENTIAL DISPLEASURE. OTHERS MAINTAIN THAT HE FOUND AND OBJECTED TO FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES INVOLVING PRESIDENT'S FAMILY, AND IN TURN WAS ACCUSED OF IRREGULARITIES HIMSELF AND PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST UNTIL CHARGES DROPPED FOR LACK OF PROOF. THAT DIGUIMBAYE MANAGED SALVAGE POSITION AS PRESIDENT BDT FOR PAST FOUR YEARS HAS BEEN CAUSE CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION LOCALLY, REASONS BEING GIVEN RANGE HIS OWN SARA BACKGROUND PARALLELING THAT OF PRESIDENT, POLITICAL STRENGTH OF HIS INTELLIGENT AND ACTIVE WIFE WHOSE MOTHER COMES FROM IMPORTANT KANEM FAMILY, AND/OR, ACCORDING PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN SOME THREE WEEKS AGO, PROTECTIVE BACKING OF AMERICAN EMBASSY NDJAMENA.

3. RELIABLE SOURCE WITH GOOD ACCESS TO SENIOR GOC CIRCLES STATES DIGUIMBAYE NOW ALLEGEDLY UNDER ARREST AT PRESIDENTIAL NOVEMBER 28 (FORMERLY OCAM) VILLAGE, CHARGED WITH HAVING TRANSMITTED PAYOFF FUNDS TO ASSASSIN VIA LATTER'S MISTRESS. NO INFORMATION ON OUTMAN'S PRESENT FATE.

4. COMMENT: DURING NOVEMBER TOMBALBAYE VISIT PARIS, HE WAS TAXED BY PRESS ONCE AGAIN WITH ACCUSATION THAT GOC ENGINEERED BONO ASSASSINATION. PRESIDENT DENIED ACCUSATION AND STATED MURDER MATTER FOR FRENCH AND CHADIAN POLICE. TOMBALBAYE MAY HAVE FELT IT NECESSARY FOR CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS WITH FRANCE SHOW SOME PROGRESS ON CASE, HOWEVER, WITH RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AS RESULT. DIGUIMBAYE AND OUTMAN SEEM UNLIKELY PAIR OF CONSPIRATORS, NONETHELESS. WHILE BOTH MAY INDEED BE LESS THAN FERVENT SUPPORTERS PRESIDENT THIS WOULD SEEM MAKE IT EVEN MORE UNLIKELY THAT THEY WOULD CONNIVE AT ASSASSINATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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